

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite the claims to read as follows:

Please cancel claims 3 and 7 without prejudice.

- 1 1. (Currently Amended): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name,
2 said method comprising the steps of:
 - 3 identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;
 - 4 ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;
 - 5 truncating said first superior resource name to form a first truncated name;
 - 6 obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;
 - 7 appending said first counter number to said first truncated name to form a first
8 appended name; ~~and~~
 - 9 assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource;
 - 10 identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;
 - 11 ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;
 - 12 truncating said second superior resource name to form a second truncated name;
 - 13 incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number;
 - 14 appending said second counter number to said second truncated name to form a
15 second appended name; and
 - 16 assigning said second appended name to the second subordinate resource.

1 2. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 wherein said step of truncating com-
2 prises a step of dropping the last n characters of said first and second superior resource
3 names, where $n \geq 3$.

1 3. (Canceled).

1 4. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 3-2 wherein said counter numbers are at
2 least three digits in length.

1 5. (Currently Amended): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name,
2 said method comprising the steps of:

3 identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;

4 ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;

5 obtaining a first counter number of n digits from a global counter;

6 substituting said first counter number for n characters in said first superior re-
7 source name to form a first name; and

8 assigning said first name to said first subordinate resource;

9 identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;

10 ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;

11 incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number; and

12 substituting said second counter number in said second superior resource name to
13 form a second name; and

14 assigning said second name to the second subordinate resource.

1 6. (Original): The method of claim 5 wherein $n \geq 3$.

1 7. (Canceled).

Please insert the following new claims 8 *et seq.*:

- 1 8. (New) A method for generating unique subordinate resource names, comprising:
2 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-
3 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;
4 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and
5 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the
6 truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID
7 number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or
8 more superior resources.
- 1 9. (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
2 obtaining a counter number from a global counter; and
3 using the counter number as the unique ID number.
- 1 10. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising: incrementing the global counter
2 for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique counter number.
- 1 11. (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising: truncating n characters of the su-
2 perior resource name, where n is greater than or equal to three.
- 1 12. (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising: using one or more physical units
2 (PUs) as the one or more superior resources.

1 13. (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising: using one or more logical units
2 (LUs) as the one or more subordinate resources.

1 14. (New) A system, comprising:

2 one or more superior resources, each of the one or more superior resources having
3 a name; and

4 one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordinate resources
5 related to one of the one or more superior resources, each of the one or more subordinate
6 resources being named as a combination of a truncated name of its related superior re-
7 source and an identification (ID) number, the ID number unique to each of the one or
8 more subordinate resources across all of the one or more superior resources.

1 15. (New) The system of claim 14, further comprising: a global counter to create a
2 counter number, the counter number to be used as the unique ID number.

1 16. (New) The system of claim 15, further comprising: the global counter incremented
2 for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique counter number.

1 17. (New) The system of claim 14, further comprising: the truncated name formed by
2 truncating n characters of the superior resource name, where n is greater than or equal to
3 three.

1 18. (New) The system of claim 14, further comprising: a server in communicating rela-
2 tionship with the one or more superior resources.

1 19. (New) The system of claim 18, further comprising: a computer network for use as
2 the communicating relationship.

1 20. (New) The system of claim 14, further comprising: one or more physical units (PUs)
2 as the one or more superior resources.

1 21. (New) The system of claim 14, further comprising: one or more logical units (LUs)
2 as the one or more subordinate resources.

1 22. (New) A system, comprising:

2 means for identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more
3 subordinate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;

4 means for truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and

5 means for naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination
6 of the truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number,
7 the ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the
8 one or more superior resources.

1 23. (New) A computer readable media, comprising: the computer readable media con-
2 taining instructions for execution on a processor for the practice of the method of,

3 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-
4 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;

5 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and

6 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the
7 truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID

8 number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or
9 more superior resources.

1 24. (New) Electromagnetic signals propagating on a computer network, comprising: the
2 electromagnetic signals carrying instructions for execution on a processor for the practice
3 of the method of,

4 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-
5 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;

6 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and

7 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the
8 truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID
9 number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or
10 more superior resources.